

Plantation Work
THE
WORK
OF THIS
GENERATION.

Written in True-Love

To all such as are weightily inclined
to Transplant themselves and Families
to any of the *English* Plantations in

AMERICA.

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Most material Doubts and Objections against it
being removed, they may more cheerfully proceed
to the Glory and Renown of the God of
the whole Earth, who in all Undertakings is to
be looked unto, Praised and Feared for Ever.

Aspice venturo Letetur ut India Seclo.

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Plantation Work ; Generation Work , written in true Love to all such as have any motion upon their Hearts to Transplant themselves and Families to any of the English Plantations in America.

Dissatisfactions commonly arise from Prejudice or Ignorance. To the first I have nothing to say, especially if it arise upon the Account of Religion. Such must first be disposed into a Moderation towards the Planters Religion, before they can be expected to favour their Undertakings, almost of any kind. But this is not my business.

That which is upon my Heart, is to such who ignorantly Brow-beat or Tongue-beat the *American* Plantations, as some do for these Reasons:

First, From Fears, that these Plantations do strengthen Popery, by weakening Protestantism in England.

Ans. Let such consider how improbable this is, from the Qualifications of the People that go over. Are they not generally either such as are called Quakers, or so friendly to them, as not easily to be provoked to destroy or disturb them. Now what need the Papists care for these, to speak as a man. They may be more afraid of Fighting men, who are more likely to outshoot them in their own Bow, if it should come to that Test (which God forbid.)

But further, Observe how the Quakers Adversaries contradict themselves by this suggestion: For suppose *W. Penn*, and his Friends now engaged in these Plantations, to be friends to Popery (a thing not else to be supposed, unless to overthrow the Opposer) how can they weaken Protestants and strengthen

Papists, by drawing Friends to Popery out of *England*, at this Juncture of time, when the Papists stand in so much need of them? Half an Eye may see this Error.

Secondly, If any do further Object, That the Quakers are an industrious and labourious People, in so much as many Great Men are willing to take them for Tenants before others, and therefore to Transplant them is a weakening of this Land.

The *Answer* is easie, That then it weakens the Papist as well as the Protestant. And indeed this Objection, very much clears *W. P. &c.* For if they were minded to advance Popery, they would rather perswade all their Friends to become Tenants to the Popish Lords and Gentry here, than to send them to *America*, where our Papists are in no probability to be enriched by their Labours.

Thirdly, If any dislike these Plantations, because they may lessen the number of Friends here, and so make them the more unable to assist each other in a suffering Day. Let such consider how Ravens were sent, when Doves were wanting, to feed *Elisa*, 1 Kings 17. 4. But this is so much below Christian Principles, that me-thinks none pretending Christianity can entertain this Temptation. God never calls away One, but he raises up another to carry on his Work in every Nation.

Fourthly, If any have trouble arising from *Affection*. (which I suppose more likely to be found among Friends and Relations) to such as go away. Let these conscientiously weigh their Affections with the Lords Work. I am not against Natural or Spiritual affection; I mean, arising from Natural or Spiritual Relation; But all must take heed lest they sorrow at the parting with their Friends, like such as have no hope. For if we believe the Earth to be the Lords, and all the Inhabitants thereof to have Souls equally concern'd in the Death of Christ; why should we quench motions in any that are encouraged to run the Perils of the Sea and Land, for their good who sit in Darkness, wanting those most glorious and powerful means of Eternal Life, which God hath so plentifully bestowed upon us. In plainness I cannot but lovingly desire, that all Christians be cautious of opposing these Plantations, lest they be thought too narrow breasted by after Ages.

Here peradventure some may say, That they would not hinder any Friend in the Ministry, when called to preach the Gospel there, or in any part of the World. Well then by the same Argument, they must not hinder others. For if the Conversion of People be sincerely desired, Planters in their Places may be servicable as well as Preachers, the one confirming and Rivetting by Conversation, what the other declares of with words. Where there be Bodies or Societies of People living answerable to the Doctrine of their Ministers, Strangers are sooner convinced than without. But where they do not so live, Ministry signifies little, rather more without them.

Wherefore my earnest desire is, That all our *American* Planters, especially such as have had any Heavenly Openings, and taste of Joy unspeakable, endless Glory, that they be very wary and wise in the manning all Affairs, lest the *Indians* have as little regard to the Light of Christ in them when they are told of it, as they had to the *Spaniards* Heaven. But, I hope, all will be careful, and be as indifferent about Partitions, as *Abraham* was with *Lott*, *Gen.* 13. 8. And seeing the Lord, by strange and unexpected waies and means, has put Power and Authority to carry on this Work into the hands of some, whose Hearts I do believe are upright before him, aiming in the first place at his Glory, and then the good of all men, even as their own, I pray that all concerned under them, may be like minded. I dare not say all are so. Some, its to be feared, may have too much an Eye to Self in transplanting themselves. But while the Publick-Spirited and Honest-hearted are in Authority, others can do little harm.

Fifthly, But further, Some have a sly whispering slighting way of Reflecting upon those that Transplant themselves and Interest into *America*, as men of unsettled brains, wandering minds, void of Solidity and Gravity, &c. These are unchristian Censures. Let such consider, what a Country *England* it self had now been, if their Ancestors had not had Plantation Principles. If their brains had not been thus unsettled, these grave men had not had such pleasant and profitable Settlements as they have.

England was once as rough and rugged as *America*, and the Inhabitants as blind and barbarous as the *Indians*. And if our
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English Ancestors had been so solid and staid as to keep in their own Countries: The *Welsh*-men will tell us, they had not been thrust up among Craggs and Mountains. But these ignorant Detracters understand not the Ancient state of their own Country; if they did, their whispering of this kind would quickly cease.

Sixthly, Some being willing to be dissatisfied, will be quibbling about Titles, Querying what Title *England* has to *America*. And how can we *Salvâ Conscientiâ* undermine the *Indians*, taking Advantage of their Ignorance to get their Land for what we count but Trifles, nor valuable Considerations.

To this I Answer first as to Title, by desiring this Scrupler to look first at Home. *Qui alterum incusat ipsum se intueri oportet*. Art thou one of the *British*, *Danish*, *Saxon*, or *Norman* Race? If of any of these, consider the very Root and Original of thy Predecessors Title to any part of this Island, and without more Arguments, I question not but thou wilt find enough to convince thee either to return from whence they came, (unless here were no People before them) or to stop thy mouth for ever being opened against an *American* Purchaser. *Secondly*, As to the Price. The Seller is to judge of that; If he highly esteem what I think a Trifle, there is as little Reason to say I cheat him, as he cheats me, if I highly esteem what he thinks a Trifle. I might further argue from *Volenti non fit Injuria*; But seeing both Parties there are pleased, we may truly and comfortably say, Our *English* Planters in *America* begin upon a more Evangelical Foundation, than the *Spaniard* did; *Cortex* their General killing and taking possession. Ours go in Peace, purchasing the leave and liking of the legal Proprietor before they Plant.

But as to Titles, he that's minded to be curious and captious, shall find no center. For we may scruple the very *Indian* Title, for they were at Wars one with another when *Cortex* Invaded them; and by all Circumstances, and their own Confessions had been so in Ages before. And no doubt but War had the like effect among them as among us, of killing and taking Possessions from one another. So that whether these very *Indian* Inhabitants of *Pennsylvania*, *Carolina*, or *New-Jersey*, be the Off-spring of those that first took possession of those Parts from the Creation, may be more a scruple than the other: But by what I can gather

gather from all the Histories of all the Nations and Kingdoms I have read of, all their Titles are even the same, being driven home, as *Jephthah* pleaded to the King of *Ammon* for his Title to the Land between *Arnon* and *Jabbeck*, *Judg.* 11. 23, 24. And so by time they come to be Honested, our own selves being judges. But our *Englisk* Planters in *America*, enter so Honourably, that they need not be beholding to time to justifie them.

Thus much lay upon me for removing these Objections, I have somewhat farther touching *Generation Work*.

I have often observed in reading the Holy Scriptures, and other Credible Histories, how the Lord in every Day, Age, or Generation, hath had some peculiar or extraordinary piece of Service to be carried on, and this may properly be called *Generation Work*. Against this the Devil is alwaies most of all bent, but could never prevail, though sometimes he may be permitted to stop or hinder it for a time. On the contrary, those Servants of the Lord that are appointed and Spirited for this Work, are as zealous to promote it, and their Service is known by their Life being in it. How diligent was *Nash* in building his Ark; *Moses*, to get *Israel* out of *Egypt*; *Joshuah*, to settle them in *Canaan*; in short, *Ezra* to build the Temple; *Nehemiah* the City Walls; *Paul* to Convert the *Gentiles*, and settle them in good order. A cloud of excellent Instances might be brought out of other approved Writings, but its needless. For as we all believe it true in the particular, that every man has a Day, and some special Work or other allotted him by his Creator, and blessed is he that knows it and keeps faithful to it in that day (which poor *Jerusalem* did not, *Luke* 19. 42.) So likewise is it as true in the Greater, That every Nation in every Age, has some special Service appointed it; sometimes by way of suffering for some particular Truth in Testimony against its contrary Error, as in *Queen Maries* daies against Transubstantiation, the short and quick Test being then only, *What say you to the real Presence?* If denied, away with him, without more questioning his Faith. This was their passive *Generation Work* against that particular *Sillieism* of Popery. Sometimes some eminent active Work is also ordered by the Lord to be carried

on in such a day or time as aforesaid in the time of *Ezra* and *Nehemiah*; and this shall go forward to its appointed measure over the Heads of all *Sanballats* and *Tobias's*.

Now that the Plantation of these Parts of *America*, now under Consultation among us, is an eminent part of the Generation Work of our Day, appears plain to me for these two or three Reasons.

First. Because the King's Heart, with the consent of his Council (all whose Hearts are in the Hand of the Lord) have been inclined and made willing to give extraordinary Power, Command and Protection unto men of honest and just Principles to encourage the undertaking these Plantations. This is so agreeable to the many Examples in Scripture and other Histories, how the Lord gave his People favour in the Eyes and Hearts of Kings and Princes, when he had any special Service to be done, that to make any other construction of this, is to bring a cloud upon the aforesaid Examples.

Secondly, To what other secondary Causes or Reasons of State, some may attribute our so long Liberty and Quietness in our Religious Meetings and outward Possessions, I know not, neither do I enquire after. I place it here. That it's the Lord ordering the Nations Affairs, so as that it is concluded good for the Government to allow this Liberty. That so this Plantation Work may go forward: For the Lord our God knows all Hearts, Principles and Conditions; and that the true Christian (as the Case of Christianity now stands in *England*) dare not Fly, Transplant, or so much as move from his dwelling, because Suffering is or may come upon him for his Conscience sake. That Text, *If they Persecute you in one City, Fly to another*, concerns not our Circumstances. Yet I would not be misunderstood, as if none may stir, who are under Suffering. Doubtless such who are moved to it by the Lord, and had published their intention in the time of Tranquillity, may go forward without any scandal. So that many are mistaken in this matter, in saying, That if the Penal Laws be put in Execution, *These Plantations will thrive apace*. But I am not of their mind. I rather fear, that he which flies from a Religious Test of his own Country-men here, shall meet a Pagan Test by the Natives there. Therefore I hope the Lord will continue our
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Tranquillity, till all the good Seed appointed to be sown there at this season, is gone over.

That which further confirms me in my belief, that these Plantations are a principal part of our Generation Work, is the Inclinations and motions of so many good Men and Women thitherward. It is observable in Holy David, *Psal. 132, 13, 14.* how he draws a very confident Conclusion, *That the Lord's set time to favour Sion was come; because his Servants took pleasure in the Stones, and favoured the Dust thereof.* The Application is easie.

If it should be reflected, That some of those that go, are under some kind of straights or difficulties, which they may hope to be quit of in *America*. My Answer to this is, That to go thither singly, in design to be freed of any trouble or exercise here, is not good. But that many may be brought into sorrows and even to poverty it self, in order to their higher Advancement, and future service for the Lord, is very plain from the example of *Joseph, David, Esther, Job, &c.* And that which *Mordecai* said to *Esther*, Chap. 4. 14. when she was in Prosperity, may as fitly be applied to many in Poverty (provided it arise not out of the dust of their own Folly) *Who knows whither thou art come to the Kingdom for such a time as this is?* said he to *Esther*; and so may it be said to many a poor honest man, *Who knows whither thou art come to this Poverty for such a Plantation as this is?* I speak not this to press any beyond their own inward freedom and Inclination; Only to shew that the poor are not to slight their motions to this Work more than the rich. But to close up this, let's not only the Poor, but many that have considerable Estates, Trades or Employments here, yet over all these and many more delightful and comfortable Enjoyments, are carried forth with an unresistable Zeal to Plant and promote the Truth in *America*. And this brings to my mind God's Call to *Abraham*, *Gen. 12. 1.* And I cannot but conclude even from Truths Principles witnessed within me, that the same Spirit is still at work, calling the faithful Seed of *Abraham*, as from one degree of Light to another, so from one Country to another, *To the Intent, that now unto the Principalities and Powers in heavenly Places, (over all the World) might be made known by the Church the manifold wisdom of God,* Ephes. 3. 10.

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Thus these three Considerations draw me to believe, our *American* Plantations to be a peculiar and special Work appointed for many in our day and Generation, as the first Plantation of the Principal part of this Continent was the *Spaniards* work first of all. Indeed the very first discovery of this part of the World was wonderful. It is not yet two hundred years since *Columbus*, no doubt by a divine Influence was so zealously moved to search after this Land, That he could not be diverted by all his Country men; But comes and propounds his Opinion to *England* before *Spain*. But it was not to be our work then; So our Counsels Eyes were shut, and their minds alienated from it. But when he came to *Spain*, *Ferdinand* then King of *Castile* presently harkned to him and sent forth three or four ships with him to make discoveries, who after many hazards and hardships at last found *Columbus* his Suppositions to be true, to their mighty Gain and profit ever since. Thus the Ice being broken by this strange and Wonderful Power of the Lord, then many other Nations sail over, and we among the rest for a share in this new found World.

Now from these things, who can otherwise conclude, but that God Almighty, by concealing so vast a Continent from so many foregoing Ages, and now by discovering it to these latter Ages and Generations, doth plainly signify, that by his eternal Counsel he hath appointed these to spread the Beams of his Glory unto these parts of his Creation. And although he was pleased to let the hard-hearted cruel *Spaniard* first get footing there; yet the thing well considered Works for the best. For the Lord as a wise Husband-man, has but sowed that Course Grain first upon this as it were new broken up Land, to bring it to a finer Tilt for his Wheat. And by what I gather from a Credible Historian, it is so; for the *Spanish* Tyranny and Inquisition, has been so far from hardning the *Indians* against the Truth, that it seems (according to his relation) to have made them more pliable to receive it, they being more inquisitive after a better People to govern them.

If any Carper should buzz Protection into Planters Ears saying, How shall you be secur'd, if *W. P.* will not fight, Let the Poet *Horace*, who was counted a Heathen, answer this, with-

without more words, only exchanging a word or two without hurting his Sence.

*Integer vitæ scelerisque purns
Non eget Mauri jaculis, nec arcu,
Nec timet sævis gravidam sagittis
Mome pharetram.*

*An upright man cleansed from Sins infection,
Needs neither Guns nor Bows for his protection;
Nor fears a Quiver stuf with poisoned Darts,
Moms, this muttering shews thy spightful Parts.*

Shall Heathens talk at this rate, and Christians of nothing but Fighting?

Consider how *we Non-conformists* are here protected? Is it not by an Almighty invisible Power disposing the minds of our Superiors more marvelous in our Eyes here than there. For here are Laws upon Laws in force, or at least pretended to be in force against us, exposing our Persons and Estates to the mercy of Some of the vilest men in the Nation. And are there not thousands, even in our bowels, worse natured and qualited, than the very heathen Seamen in *Jonahs* dayes? In a storm, they were so much for Liberty and mercy, that they bid him call upon his God, Yea and indeavoured to save his Life too, *Jon. 1. 6, 13.* But here is a Generation, that though they talk as if they feared to be over-whelmed with floods of Popery, yet will suffer none to call upon God unless they do it after their modes and formalities, some of which perhaps came from it too. No Foe like a religious one, especially when he has got a Law of Man to back him. Now in these parts of *America*, where the *Indians* are not exasperated by any of our *European pious Cheats*, our *Planters* in all probability may expect better Measure than in *Europe* while they behave themselves justly and honestly in all their dealings with them. Nay, I have known many poor *Papists*, when their *Priests* had not Power to whip and spur them, more moderate and tender, than some professing a better Religion. And verily I have often felt bowels of tender Compassion stirring in me toward those many *brave*

natur'd and Heroick Spirited Men and Women (although of that Religion) when I think how pitifully they truckle under the frownes and Smiles of a silly Friar. May it not palse among the Wonders of the World, that such ingenious men, as some of them are, should be drill'd into a belief of doing God good Service, by destroying others, meerly for differing from their Religion. This will not last long: The Book within man God is unsealing a page, wherein the Kings and Rulers of the Earth shall read the Mistery of the Woman sitting upon a scarlet Beast Rev. 17.

In the meane time, that same Power and Banner of Love which has preserved and multiplied his flock under the *Red Darknes of Popery*, will also guide and protect them in the misty fogges of *Indian Ignorance*.

Many should be tryed in this matter as *Peter* was, *Matt. 14. 25.* And should go out of their Country as *He* did out of his ship (not expecting a Storm because his Lord bid him come) if any Storm or eminent danger by Sea or Land be permitted to fall upon them, let them remember how *Peter* was checkt for doubting and distrusting his Call, *vers. 31.*

To Conclude, Let none think I write this for any self end, I have the best of Witnesses to the contrary. I have no Obligation or Temptation as a man to do it. It's True-love to the Gospel of Truth, which almost twenty years ago I did believe should spread over that part of the World as well as these, and a real affection to these present undertakings in order to that, which hath brought forth these few Lines. And my hearts desire is, that all according to their measures may faithfully serve God and their Generation in this great and weighty Concern before they fall asleep. *Amen.*

W. L.

A Word to all honest hearted Friends
of Truth now concerned in any of
the *American Plantations*.

O Ye tender Siences of that fruitful heavenly Tree of Life, which the Lord hath planted and protected in this our Horizon ! Consider your high and holy Calling : This Honour have not all the Saints : Every Branch is not a Sience. O that you may take root and bring forth Fruit abundantly to refresh and console all that converse with you. Remember you are the Salt, not the Slaves of the Earth. The Earth was made for you, not you for the Earth : Not an Earthy, Unfavoury word or action is to be spoken or done by any of you. Do but consider how it will sadden the Spirits, and grieve the life of your dear heavenly Friends here, if Tidings should come, that you are become (like Israel, Hof. 10.) even as an Empty Vine bringing forth fruit unto your selves. Indeed, it will even break many Hearts to hear it. But I hope better things, yea, praises to the Lord, I am full
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of better hopes : Nevertheless I cannot forbear this Caution. For I know by Experience, Plantation Work is full of Snares and Cares. I have had a taste of it, and have known some lose even lovely Gifts and Testimonies (according to the measures of Light in that Day,) among Woods and Bogs.

This is a matter for which my Soul is often concerned in Secret : For I know not any thing of a worse tendency, in my sense and understanding of Truth, than for any Eminent Testimony (in Youth especially if mean as to outwards) to center at last upon a Rich Wife or Husband, great Trade or Place of great Profit. We are all to be Watchful : But such as have a Publick Testimony, must keep a double Watch. For as they are worthy of double Honour, 1 Tim. 5. 17. So they are liable to double yea treble Temptations. The Apostle Paul himself being deeply sensible of this, often cryed out, Brethren pray for, pray for us, pray for us, 1 Thes. 5. 25. 2 Thes. 3. 1. Heb 13. 18, &c.

But that power and presence of God that has kept you in your Shops and Trades, your Cares and Exercises here in this evil Day and Generation, is able to preserve you in your more solitary Labours.

As for us, who stay behind, God forbid we should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you. That you may be living, powerful Instruments in the

the Hands of the Lord to enlighten the Jew and Gentile, and to promote the Honour of God's English Israel even to the utmost Parts of America, for as

The Sun runs round our Globe, and in its dayes
Chears every Creature with its pleasant Rayes :
So Truths more glorious Sun shall beam its Light
To all the World before Eternal Night.

When *Gages* Travels in the Western Land,
I read, and mind the *Spaniards* proud command :
Love to the poor lost *Indians* makes me cry,
Lord when shall Truth top this base Tyranny !
Indian lift up thine Head, thy Day-Star shines.
A People comes, not for thy Silver Mines.
More precious treasure draws their Love to thee :
Poor Man ! Thou hast a Soul as well as we.
Eternal Bliss for That's their Aim, don't scorn,
Naked men shall the naked Truth adorn.

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POSTSCRIPT.

THis following little Model concerning Plantations taken *verbatim* out of the Lord Chancellor *Bacon's* Essays, is thought meet to be added. For although the State and Condition of *America* is far different to what it was then, that being written Sixty years ago, so that more Profit ariseth now in three or four years, than could at the first discovery be expected in Twenty, as he observes; And as for his *Marshal Laws*, and *defending* the Savages, that is, the *Indians*, we leave him to his own Opinion: But nevertheless the Design of the said Lord *Bacon* in general is discreet, and many circumstances of it are worthy of a Planters Observation.

*A little Model for Plantations written by Sir Francis Bacon,
Lord Verulam, Viscount St. Alban, and Lord High
Chancellor of England in King James his time.*

Plantations are amongst Ancient, Primitive, and Heroical Works. When the World was young, it begat more Children; but now it is old, it begets fewer: For I may justly account new *Plantations* to be the Children of former Kingdoms. I like a *Plantation* in a pure Soyl, that is, where People are not *displanted* to the end to *Plant* others; for else it is rather an Extirpation than a *Plantation*. Planting of Countries is like Planting of Woods; for you must make account to lose almost
 * Twenty years Profit, and expect your Recompence in the end. For the principal thing that hath been the destruction of most *Plantations*, hath been the base and hasty drawing of profit in the first years. It is true, speedy Profit is not to be neglected, as far as may stand with the good of the *Plantation*, but no further. It is a shameful and unblest thing, to take

* Note, This was 60 years since when Provisions were not to be had, which are now plentiful.

take the Scum of People, and wicked condemned men, to be the People with whom you *Plant*: And not only so, but i spoileth the *Plantation*; for they will ever livelike Rogues, and not fall to work but be lazy, and do mischief, and spend Viſtu- als, and be quickly weary; and then certifie over to their Coun- try to the discredit of the *Plantation*. The People wherewith you plant ought to be *Gardiners, Plough-men, Labourers, Smiths, Carpenters, Joyners, Fishermen, Fowlers*, with someſew *Apothe- caries, Surgeons, Cooks and Bakers*. In a Country of *Plantation*, first look about what kind of Viſtuals the Country yields of it ſelf to hand; as *Cheſnuts, Walnuts, Pine-Apples, Olives, Dates, Plumbs, Cherrys, Wild-Honey*, and the like, and make uſe of them; then conſider what Viſtual, or Eſculent things there are, which grow ſpedily, and within the year, as *Parſnips, Carrets, Tur- nips, Onions, Raddiſh, Artichoaks of Jeruſalem, Maiz*, and the like. For *Wheat, Barly* and *Oats*, they ask too much labour: But with *Peaſe* and *Beans* you may begin, both becauſe they ask leſſ labour, and becauſe they ſerve for Meat as well as for Bread. And of *Rice* likewiſe cometh a great encrease, and it is a kind of Meat. Above all, there ought to be brought ſtore of *Bisket, Oat-meal, Flower, Meal*, and the like, in the beginning, till Bread may be had. For Beaſts and Birds, take chiefly ſuch as are leaſt ſubject to Diſeaſes, and multiply ſaſteſt; as *Swine, Goats, Cocks, Hens, Turkeys, Geefe, Houſe-Doves*, and the like. The Viſtual in *Plantations* ought to be expended, almoſt as in a Beſieged Town, that is, with a certain allowance; and let the main part of the Ground employed to Gardens or Corn, be to a common ſtock, and to be laid in, and ſtored up, and then delivered out in proportion, beſides ſome ſpots of Ground that any particular perſon will manure for his own private uſe. Conſider likewiſe what *Commodities* the Soyl, wherethe *Plan- tation* is, doth naturally yield, that they may ſomeway help to defray the Charge of the *Plantation*: So it be not, as was ſaid to the untimely prejudice of the main buſineſs; as it hath ſared with *Tobacco* in *Virginia*. Wood commonly aboundeth but too much, and therefore Timber is ſit to be one. If there be Iron Ore, and Streams whereupon to ſet the Mills, Iron is a brave Commodity where Wood aboundeth. Making of Bay-ſalt, if the Climate be proper for it, would be put in experience. Growing Silk likewiſe, if any be, is a likely Commodity. Pitch
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and Tar, where store of Fir and Pines are, will not fail. So Drugs and Sweet Woods, where they are, cannot but yield great profit. Soap-Asbes likewise, and other things that may be thought of. But moyl not too much under Ground; for the hope of Mines is very uncertain, and unfit to make the *Planters* lazy in other things. For Government, let it be in the hands of one assisted with some Counsel; and let them have Commission to exercise Martial Laws with some limitation. And above all, let them make that profit of being in a Wilderness, as they have God alwaies, and his Service before their Eyes. Let not the Government of the *Plantation* depend upon too many Counsellors and Undertakers in the Country that *Planteth*, but upon a *Temperate Number*; and those be rather Noblemen and Gentlemen, than Merchants; for they look ever to the present Gain. Let there be freedoms for Customs, till the *Plantation* be of Strength; and not only freedom for Custom, but freedom to carry their Commodities, where they may make their best of them, except there be some special cause of Caution. Cram not in People by sending too fast, Company after Company, but rather hearken how they waste, and send supplies proportionably; but so, as the number may live well in the *Plantation*, and not by surcharge be in penury. It hath been a great endangering to the health of some *Plantations*, that they have built along the Sea and Rivers in Moorish and unwholsome Grounds. Therefore, though you begin there to avoid carriage, and other like discommodities, yet build still rather upwards from the Streams, than along. It concerneth likewise the health of the *Plantation*, that they have good store of Salt with them, that they may use it in their Victuals, when it shall be necessary. If you *Plant* where Savages are, do not only entertain them with Trifles and Gingles, but use them justly and graciously, with sufficient guard nevertheless; and do not win their favour by helping them to invade their Enemies, but for their defence it is not amiss. And send oft of them over to the Country they *Plant*, that they may see a better Condition than their own, and commend it when they return. When the *Plantation* grows to strength, then it is time to *Plant* with Women as well as with Men, that the *Plantation* may spread into Generations, and not be ever peccet from without. It is the foolishlest thing in the World to forsake or destitute a *Plantation* once in Forwardness; for besides the dishonour,

dishonour, it is guiltiness of Blood of many commiserate Persons.

An Abstract of some Passages out of divers Letters from America relating to Pennsylvania; Published at the request and for the satisfaction of several Persons in City and Country.

Lewis Morris *late of Barbados in his Letter from New-York to W.P. 3d 4th Month, called June, 1681.*

I Was not a little rejoiced to read thine, but rest in some hopes that 'tis possible I may live to see thy Face in these Parts, especially since I have spoken with S. Jennings, who told me he judged thou hadst obtained a grant for the West part of the River Delaware, of which my self and all our Friends were glad to hear. I doubt not but S. Jennings will sufficiently encourage thee to press forward and perfect the Work of settling there as much as in thee lieth. I am sure if he be not sparing of his Pen, he cannot chuse but give thee encouragement enough to go forward now thou hast begun to good a Work on so good a Land as that is, which far exceeds ——— I cannot but let thee know that I am in truth glad, and in my Heart sensible of the great goodness of God to us in these Parts, in casting thy Lot amongst us (I do as it were hear thee call'd to come over and help us,) for surely there will be great need of thee ———

In another Letter to W.P. from New-York, the 25 June Month,

THIS is to acquaint thee, that about ten daies since here arrived Francis Richardson with thy Deputy, by whom I received thy second Letter, and am very glad thy Lot is fallen amongst us, and do assure thee, that I think thee the most Peace or Trade of I and in all this North part of America. I hope other Friends that are better Scribes than my self, will enlarge and describe the

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the place; if they be not backward and Idle, they may give thy Friends encouragement enough to persevere and press forward to perfect as much as in them lies, the good Work of settling these Parts amongst us.

An Abstract of a Letter from the Deputy Governour of Pennsylvania to his Wife. Upland the 7 December, 1681.

IT is a very fine Country, if it were not so over-grown with Woods; and very Healthy. Here people live to be above 100 years of Age. Provision of all sorts are indifferent plentiful: Venison especially; I have seen four Bucks bought for less than 5 s. the Indians killing them only for their Skins; and if the Christians will not buy the Flesh, they let it hang and rot on a Tree. In the Winter, there is mighty plenty of Wild Fowl of all sorts: Partridges I am cloyd with; we catch them by hundreds at a time. In the fall of the Leaf, or after Harvest, here are abundance of wild Turkeys, which are mighty easie to be Shot; Duck, Mallard, Geese and Swans in abundance, wild; Fish are in great plenty. In short, if a Country Life be liked by any, it might be here; That which is most scarce is Mutton and Beef, because you must kill it your self, I mean of your own; and in the Summer it will not keep till you can eat it all, except in great Families: What Beef is kill'd; is in October, or thereabouts, and Salted up for the whole year: last October I kill'd two very fat Bullocks.

An Abstract of another Letter from the Deputy Governour of Pennsylvania to a friend of his in London by the same Ship.

I Will now give you an Account of the Country; It is in a mighty good Air, and very Healthy. Here are abundance of good Fruits: all sorts of Apples, Cherries, Pears, good Plumbs; but I knew not what to call them; Peaches as good as any in the World; some they feed their Hogs with, and some they distill and make of it a sort of Brandy: Abundance of Mulberry's. The Hogs eat the Chestnuts as they do the Acorns; abundance of Walnuts; Grapes grow wild in the Woods, and indifferent good; they might be made very good; Mellons both Mus and Water as good as can be; and several others I cannot think of. Fish good store; but we are afraid to put out a Net lest a Sturgeon gets in and breaks it, for we have innumerable of them, that they leap into the Boats very often. Beasts we have of all kinds, and Tame Fowl. Abundance of Deer: the Indians kill them only for their Skins, and leave the Flesh in the Woods. We have very good Horses, and the Men ride madly on them: they make nothing of riding 80 Miles of a Day; and when they get to their Journeys end, turn the Horses into the Field: they never Shoo them.

THE END.

